

Safeguarding American Diplomacy.

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) is a unique organization that plays an essential role. DS personnel – who include Special Agents, Security Engineering Officers, Security Technical Specialists, Diplomatic Couriers, Civil Service employees, Security Protective Specialists, and contractors – work together as a team to ensure that the Department can carry out its foreign policy missions safely and securely.

DS has a broad scope of global responsibilities, with protection of people, information, and property as its top priority. Overseas, DS develops and implements effective security programs to safeguard all personnel who work in every U.S. diplomatic mission around the world. In the United States, it protects the Secretary of State, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and most foreign dignitaries who visit the United States. DS develops and implements security programs to protect the more than 100 domestic State Department facilities as well as the residence of the Secretary of State.

DS also investigates passport and visa fraud, conducts personnel security investigations, and issues security clearances. It also assists foreign embassies and consulates in the United States by ensuring the security for their missions and personnel.

One of our greatest strengths is our diversity.

Diversity is reflected in who we employ – culturally aware, adaptable, strategic thinkers from all walks of life. When people of all cultures, races, religions, and economic backgrounds represent the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, it’s a clear statement to the world about who America is and what our values mean in practice.



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U.S. citizenship is required. The U.S. Department of State is committed to equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment for all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, disabling condition, political affiliation, marital status, or prior statutory, Constitutionally protected activity. The Department provides reasonable accommodations for applicants with documented disabilities. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodations for any part of the application or hiring process should so advise the Department. All decisions for granting reasonable accommodations are made on a case-by-case basis.



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Security Engineering Officer



Make a difference on a global scale.

As a Foreign Service Specialist serving overseas, you’ll be a vital part of history in the making as you experience the challenge and excitement of a career at the forefront of international affairs. Plus, you’ll have an unprecedented opportunity to travel the world and experience different cultures.

From a practical perspective, you will receive exceptional benefits, including life and health insurance, language training and professional development, federal retirement benefits, and generous paid leave. When serving overseas, the U.S. Department of State provides excellent paid housing or a housing allowance, and paid education for dependent children K through 12.

This is an opportunity unlike any other: the chance to help protect and to represent your country to the world – to contribute to a global society, make an impact, and show the world a side of America it has never seen – you.

Protect people, places, facilities and technology from security threats. Become a Foreign Service Specialist.

Real change, even globally, starts with each of us. When you work for the U.S. Department of State, you’ll discover the unique opportunity to make an impact, as you help societies become full partners in the international community. Here, you’ll have the chance to represent America to the world and make a difference as you experience an extraordinary career.

Engineers provide expertise to protect America's interest overseas.

Security Engineering Officers (SEOs) are Foreign Service Specialists devoted to keeping people and information secure in a world that poses many threats. We are part of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security team that provides a safe environment for the conduct of U.S. diplomacy worldwide. SEOs all share a technical background – a B.S. degree in one of 25 specific ABET-accredited engineering or physics disciplines is a minimum requirement. SEOs undergo nine months of initial training with frequent in-service training thereafter. They hold Top Secret* security clearances and spend about half their careers living overseas at some of over 65 locations.

“I use my engineering skills to protect embassies and consulates worldwide.”

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Foreign Service Specialist,
Security Engineering Officer



Security Engineering Officers’ work is incredibly varied. They manage large and small projects, and advise, supervise, and train people. SEOs conduct security assessments for our overseas missions, conduct technical surveillance countermeasure inspections, implement computer security measures, and support dignitary travel. They research and test new technologies, install, maintain, and repair a vast array of technical security equipment such as alarm, access control and CCTV systems, X-ray machines, explosive detectors, and much, much more. It is not life in a cubicle. It is a unique career that offers unsurpassed opportunities for growth, adventure and rewards well beyond the norm. The Security Engineering Officer career field is a diverse, talented family of professionals who provide the U.S. Department of State the technical expertise necessary to fulfill its mission safely. While doing so, we get to see the world, make hundreds of friends and show the world who we are.



Benefits

Entry-level salaries fall within the Foreign Service grade FP-6 pay scale, depending on qualifications. Candidates who possess specialized skills or who have applicable work experience may be eligible for slightly higher starting salaries. During the first three years of a probationary appointment, a Security Engineering Officer’s satisfactory performance can win automatic grade and pay increases. Thereafter, promotions are competitive, based on performance ratings and the recommendation of the annual promotion selection board.

“I implement system upgrades to keep U.S. embassies safe.”

Sam
Foreign Service Specialist,
Security Engineering Officer



Employees’ benefits package includes:

- Life and health insurance
- Vacation and sick leave
- Retirement plan and Thrift Savings Plan
- Government-provided quarters or housing allowance overseas
- Home leave to the United States between overseas assignments
- Rest and recuperation leave, with transportation partially paid, for employees and their eligible family members assigned to designated overseas hardship posts
- Cost-of-living allowance where costs are substantially higher than average (designated U.S. cities and overseas posts)
- Education allowance for dependent children under certain circumstances
- Danger pay at designated overseas posts
- Moving expenses for assignments

To view specific opportunities, sign up to receive email notifications, and learn more about qualifications, training, and other specifics related to Diplomatic Security and Security Engineering Officer careers, visit us at <http://careers.state.gov>. You can also find our career opportunities at:

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Or contact us directly at **571.345.3783** or via email at **DSRecruitment@state.gov**

* In addition to a Top Secret security clearance, Security Engineering Officers must be eligible for access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI), which requires that all immediate family members or co-habitants of Security Engineering Officer candidates be U.S. citizens. Exceptions to that policy are rare and are made on a case-by-case basis.